



Waukesha Police Department Media Release

Waukesha Police Department Launches Body Worn Camera Program

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This week the Waukesha Police Department launched the Body Worn Camera program. Every uniformed Waukesha Police Department Officer is now equipped with the newest Axon Body Worn 3 Cameras. The cameras will be worn by officers and activated during calls and enforcement actions in the public. Body Worn cameras have proven to improve officer safety, capture valuable evidence, and provide for increased transparency during police contacts.

"The body worn camera program is a great step forward for our department" said Police Chief Thompson. "These products are an investment in transparency. All of the products help showcase the level of service that is provided to our community on a daily basis. These products will maintain the integrity of digital evidence for the courtroom and help train our officers to provide even better service in the future."

The Axon body worn cameras are part of a suite of Axon products that the Police Department is implementing. The Department has also started to use Evidence.com, a cloud-based digital evidence platform. Evidence.com makes the sharing of digital evidence more streamlined and has offered increased digital evidence accountability. The majority of evidence that police collect is now digital.

In the first quarter of 2023, the Department also anticipates launching the Axon Fleet 3-in Car system, an upgrade to their current in-car camera systems. The Fleet 3 system will not only digitally record the squad view of traffic stops and pursuits, but it will also offer Automated License Plate Recognition (ALPR). This will add twenty-six cars that will have ALPR technology on the roadway and help combat crimes such as stolen vehicles. Fleet 3 works hand-in-hand with body cams, TASER 7 energy weapons and Axon Evidence.com and will automatically upload videos and ALPR information into the digital evidence suite.

The mission of the Waukesha Police Department is "A pledge to serve with Integrity, Honor and Courage." The Department looks forward to implementing these tools that will further demonstrate that mission to the Community.



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